

REMARKS

Response to Restriction

In response to the restriction requirement/species election set forth in the Office Action mailed September 12, 2006, Applicants elect the following species:

- 1) Degree of sequence homology: Degree of sequence identity
Pending claims under examination that read on the elected species: 1, 4, 6-10, and 15-20
- 2) How the region of the target protein is identified: Target protein containing the binding site
Pending claims under examination that read on the elected species: 1-10, and 15-18 and 20
- 3) How the region of the cross-reactive protein is identified: Cross-reactive protein containing the binding site
Pending claims under examination that read on the elected species: 1, 4-10, and 15-19

This election is made without prejudice to Applicants right to pursue non-elected species in a continuation or divisional application.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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